

Applicant hereby elects species (a) Anionic or nonionic emulsifiers, with traverse.

Pending claims 1-81 each read on species (a). Each of claims 1-81 recites an emulsifier or an emulsifier system that includes at least one anionic or nonionic emulsifier.

Applicant traverses the Election of Species requirement, and in particular the Examiner's segregation of claims 6-15, 23-46, and 54-81 from species (a). The compositions recited in claims 6-15, 23-46, and 54-81 are examples of the composition recited in claim 1. The specification enumerates these examples in the "Summary" section, among other places, at page 2, line 22 through page 3, line 7.

Independent claims 6, 23, 33, 40, 54, 62, and 71 are the broadest claims in their respective species, i.e., species (b) through (g), as segregated by the Examiner. The subject matter of species (b) through (g) are examples of the subject matter of claim 1. Therefore, species (b) through (g) should not be differentiated from species (a).

The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the Election of Species requirement in the above-captioned application.

Conclusion

Applicant elects species (a) Anionic or nonionic emulsifiers, with traverse. Applicant traverses the requirement for election because the generic claims of species (b) through (g) are not patentably distinct from generic claim 1 in species (a). Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-5, 16-22, 47-53 in species (a) are generic claims. Thus, should the Examiner determine that claims 1-5, 16-22, 47-53 are allowable, Applicant requests re-entry of claims 6-15 and 23-81.

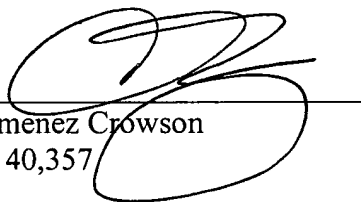
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